

REMARKS

I. Claim Status

Claims 55 and 58 are currently pending. Applicant appreciates Examiner's acknowledgement that the Reply and Amendment filed on November 14, 2007, was a bona fide attempt to be fully responsive according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a). In addition to the claim amendments and remarks of record put forward in that Reply and Amendment, Applicant addresses the Office's objections with respect to the Double Patenting Rejection herein. With the entry of this paper, Applicant asserts that a complete Response pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) has been submitted.

II. Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 55-58 were previously rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over 1) claims 16-23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,737,071; 2) claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent 6,692,733; 3) claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,723,789; and 4) claims 60-63 of U.S. Patent No. 6,476,124. Without in any way conceding the propriety of the rejection and only in an attempt to be fully responsive to the June 1, 2007, Office Action and to expedite prosecution, Applicant submits a Terminal Disclaimer herewith to overcome the double patenting rejection.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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